

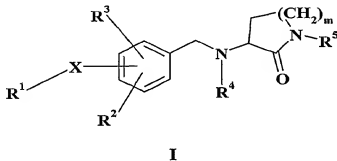
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) A compound of general formula I



wherein

m is an integer from 1 to 3

X is methylene, oxygen, sulphur or a NR<sup>6</sup> group;

R<sup>1</sup> is a straight or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkenylene or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkynylene chain, optionally substituted with CF<sub>3</sub>, phenyl, phenoxy or naphthyl or phenyl, the aromatic rings optionally substituted by one or more C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, halogens, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy groups;

R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> are independently hydrogen, aC<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl chain, halogen, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy groups;

$R^4, R^5, R^6$  are independently hydrogen or  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl; and  
the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;  
provided that:

- when  $R^1$  is phenyl, benzyl, 2-phenethyl or 3-phenpropyl optionally and independently substituted on the phenyl ring by one or two  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl, halogen, hydroxy,  $C_1-C_4$  alkoxy or trifluoromethyl and X is oxygen, sulphur, methylene or -NH-, at least one of  $R^2$  or  $R^3$  is other than hydrogen;

- if m is 3,  $R^1-X$  4-benzyloxy,  $R^2, R^4$  and  $R^5$  hydrogen, then  $R^3$  is other than 3-methoxy; and

- if m is 3,  $R^1-X$  3-benzyloxy,  $R^2, R^4$  and  $R^5$  hydrogen, then  $R^3$  is other than 4-methoxy.

**8-11. (canceled)**

**12. (previously presented)** A pharmaceutical composition containing the compound according to claim 7, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in admixture with a suitable carrier and/or diluent and optionally to other therapeutic agents.

**13-16. (canceled)**